

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A drive shaft (10) for a windshield wiper, comprising a crank (12) fastened to the drive shaft and wherein the drive shaft has a cylindrical screw thread on a free end in a region of a fastening part, wherein the drive shaft includes a base body (14) made from an extruded light metal profile and via a connection part (16, 22) made from a harder material, wherein said connection part is fixedly connected with the free end of the base body and includes said screw thread.

2. (previously presented) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, wherein the connection part (16, 22) is made of steel, bronze or copper.

3. (previously presented) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, wherein the connection part (16) has a conical seat (20) with fluting for the fastening part.

4. (previously presented) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, wherein the connection part (22) has a polygonal slaving profile (24).

5. (previously presented) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, wherein the base body (14) has a conical protrusion (26), wherein the connection part (16) is placed onto the conical protrusion and wherein the connection part is

joined by adhesive bonding, welding, press-fitting or assembly casting to the conical protrusion.

6. (previously presented) The drive shaft (10) of claim 5, wherein the connection part (16, 22) is cast with the base body (14) via an adapter piece (28).

7. (previously presented) The drive shaft (10) of claim 6, wherein the connection part (16, 22) is seated on a longitudinally fluted conical protrusion (26) of the base body, or on a fluted cone (34) of the adapter piece (28).

8. (previously presented) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, wherein the drive shaft has at least one longitudinal conduit (38, 40).

9. (previously presented) The drive shaft (10) of claim 6, wherein the connection part (16, 22) is embodied as a threaded sleeve, wherein the adapter piece (28) having at least one longitudinal conduit (40) is guided through the threaded sleeve.

10. (previously presented) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, wherein the base body (14) and the connection part (16, 22) or the crank (12) are chemically nickel-plated after being joined together.

11. (previously presented) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, wherein on an end toward the crank, the base body (14) has a region with fluting (46) in a longitudinal direction, wherein the crank (12), of a harder material, is cast to the base body (14) with a connecting layer (42) of zinc over the fluting.